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Title: Need to release Central Government's share for Vanaz-Ramwadi metro corridor in Pune city, Maharashtra.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (PUNE): Pune city is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Presently, Pune metropolitan area, with a population of 48 lakhs, and approximately 24 lakhs of vehicle registrations, is one of the most congested and polluted cities in the country. The city is witnessing high rise in vehicle numbers with almost 400-500 new vehicles being added to the city network every day, thereby further deteriorating pollution and congestion levels. Keeping these issues in mind, the Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal corporations jointly appointed Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to study and prepare Detailed Project Reports on metro for Pune city.

The DMRC submitted its final Detailed Project Report on two corridors (1) Pimpri-Chinchwad to Swargate and (2) Vanaz-Ramwadi Corridor with a total length of 31.5 kilometers.

Out of the above two corridors, the Government of Maharashtra and Pune Municipal Corporation have resolved to take up 14.95 km Vanaz Ramwadi Corridor initially with a equity contribution of 20% from the Government of India and 20% from Government of Maharashtra i.e. Rs. 518.60 crores from each. The Vanaz-Ramwadi Corridor is totally elevated and easy to implement without much complications.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to release their equity share in the project cost at the earliest on the lines of Delhi Metro and fully exempt this project from Central Taxes, which form a major component of the project cost.